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## **BE SAFE WITH FIRE THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

FAIRBANKS, Alaska—Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service officials want to remind everyone to be safe this Memorial Day Weekend. Of the 86 fires started this season, 85 were human-caused.

The weekend is predicted to be warm and dry with periods of high winds in various parts of the state. Under these conditions, the smallest spark can start a fire.

Memorial Day Weekend traditionally leads to a number of new wildfires caused by celebratory campfires, fireworks and other sources of ignition.

Officials ask that you make sure campfires are completely out, that fireworks are used carefully and only where legal, and that you adhere to burn permit regulations. Should burning take place please be careful, make sure tools and water are available, do not leave fires unattended, and properly dispose of smoking materials.

To obtain permitted burning information call your local Alaska Division of Forestry office or visit their web site at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/burn>.

For current wildland fire information visit the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center web at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>.

To report a wildland fire, call 911 or 1-800-237-3633.

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The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.